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A FLAT PANEL DISPLAY

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U.S. Patent References

	<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Issued Date</u>
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2.	5,607,776	Mueller et al.	3/4/1997
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1.	07-58110	Yamaha et al.	3/3/1995
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4.	2002-328389	Ishida et al.	11/15/2002

Discussion

U.S. Patent No. 6255706 to Watanabe et al. discloses a thin-film transistor and method of manufacturing the same.

U.S. Patent No. 5607776 to Mueller et al. pertains to in-site cleaning of TI.

U.S. Patent No. 6028003 to Frisa pertains to a method of forming an interconnect structure.

U.S. Patent No. 5893752 to Zhang et al. pertains to a process for forming a semiconductor device.

U.S. Patent No. 6414738 to Fujikawa pertains to an interconnect structure in an LCD display.

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/142605 to Kim discloses a method of forming a metal line.

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0085157 to Tanaka *et al.* discloses TFT conductive elements made of Al.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 07-58110 to Yamaha *et al.* discloses a technique to prevent

the Al hillocks.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 7-120789 to Abu *et al.* discloses a multi-level conductive structure applicable to the scan and signal lines of the LCD device.

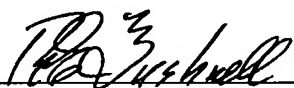
Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-81632 to Shimada *et al.* discloses an inexpensive liquid crystal display device.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-328389 to Ishida *et al.* discloses a novel design for a liquid crystal display device.

The citation of the foregoing references is not intended to constitute an assertion that other or more relevant art does not exist. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to make a wide-ranging and thorough search of the relative arts.

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